

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent Number 5,925,073 to Chastain et al. and U.S. Patent Number 5,683,445 to Swoyer. Claims 1, 2, and 4-13 were rejected under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swoyer in view of Chastain et al. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Submitted herewith is an affidavit of Gene Bornzin, one of the co-inventors of the subject matter of the pending Application, swearing behind U.S. Patent Number 5,925,073 to Chastain et al. Therefore, because the Chastain et al. patent is no longer prior art with respect to the pending application, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding rejections have been overcome by this affidavit.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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